FORMS

OF THE

PURPLE ORDER,

TO BE OBSERVED IN PRIVATE LODGES

OF THE LOYAL

ORANGE ASSOCIATION

OF BRITISH AMERICA.

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PURPLE RITUAL.

In this (as in the Orange,) no business connected with the affairs of the Order shall be transacted, except in open Lodge, guarded by a Tyler, and with not less than a quorum.

In front of the door of entrance to the Lodge Room there shall be erected a canopy made of pillars, and a cross-piece, hung with Purple curtains.

There shall be two Tylers in this Order—one whose post shall be outside, (as in the Orange,) and the other whose post shall be inside the Lodge Room door.

The duty of the Inside Tyler shall be, to put the Test to all who, (after having previously given the Annual to the Outside Tyler,) enter the room after the Lodge is opened.

The Tylers shall, in all cases, be examined by the Master, to see if they are properly qualified to receive or reject those applying for admission.

No Brother shall be admitted unless he wears the prescribed decorations of the Degree.

The Officers and Brethren being assembled, and having taken their seats, and the Tylers at their posts, the Test (division of the Annual and the Entrance Password) shall be put to them by the Secretary on the right, and the Treasurer on the left hand, or by two of the Brethren appointed by the Master. Having tested the brethren they shall report to the Deputy Master, who shall rise and say to the Master: "Worshipful Sir, all present are true Members of the Order."

The Master shall then read:

We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusted in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.—*Isaiah, c.* xxvi., *vs.* 1, 2, 3, 4.

And thou, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto Thee shall it come, even the first dominion.—*Micah, c.* iv., *v.* 8.

The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.—*Zephaniah, c.* iii., *v.* 13.

Then all the Brethren shall stand up, and putting their hands in the proper position, the Chaplain, or in his absence, the Master shall say:

O Lord God, we beseech Thee in the fulness of our hearts, to keep us in peace and contentment. Teach us ever to seek after Truth, and to avoid the evil of falsehood. Let sincerity be our guide, and cut off those from amongst us who shall practice deceit before Thee; but let not their sins fall upon us. Visit not us with the iniquities of other evil doers, for in Thy sight, O Lord, none can justify. Teach us, O Lord, while encompassed by our enemies, while strangers seek our ruin, teach us to overcome them, and let their persecutions fall upon us as dew that refresheth the parched earth! Lord teach us to perpetuate and ever exalt the names of Thy servants, who are willing and able, from their exalted stations, and defend Thy servants and followers from the power of Popery and Idolatry. Enable us, O Lord, at all times to discern between Thy true servants and those who lead us by false ways to worship Thee; let the names of the faithful be to us as a beacon, and their virtues as mirrors to our souls.—*Amen.*

The Master shall then say:

I now declare this Purple Lodge opened in due form, strictly prohibiting any language or conduct that may tend to disturb the harmony of the Brethren.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The Brethren shall resume their seats, and the business of the Lodge shall be proceeded with in the following order:

The Lecture to be repeated.
Minutes of former meeting to be read.
Members to be introduced and advanced.
Business connected with the Order considered.
Lecture repeated.
Lodge closed with Prayer.

INITIATION OF CANDIDATES.

The Lodge having been opened, the Master shall direct the Sponsors of the Brothers about to be introduced, to proceed to the Preparation Room to bring in the Candidate. The two Sponsors, each bearing an Orange Rod decorated with Purple Ribands, and between them the Brother carrying the Bible in his right, and the Regulation Book in his left hand, shall thus return to the Lodge Room door; and in asking for admission, they shall knock and make a noise as if in trouble.

Master.—What lamentations do we hear in Israel? Tyler, who is in trouble?

Tyler.—

(Retiring behind the curtain) asks?

Who is there?

Sponsors.—Brethren who flee from the task-Masters.

Master.—Admit them.

(They remain behind the curtain.)

Master.—Why do the task-masters pursue?

Sponsors.—The plagues of the Lord do but harden them, and they oppress our Brethren ten-fold.

Master.—What do our Brethren want?

Sponsors.—Admission into the House of the Lord for shelter.

Master.—Shelter our Brethren.

The Candidate and his Sponsors are then admitted within the Lodge by passing the curtain.

Master.—Raise the Furnace of Burning Ashes.

The Junior Committeeman shall then raise the Furnace, &c., and place it in front of the Master. There shall be a dim light in the Lodge from this time. The Candidate is then brought in front of the Master. The Chaplain or Master shall then read the following portion of Scripture:

And the Lord said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of Ashes of the Furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. And they took Ashes of the Furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast.—*Exodus, c.* ix., *v.* 8, 9, 10.

The Candidate is now directed to do as Moses did.

Master.—Knowest thou why we do this?

Candidate.—I do not.

Master.—You did it then, in obedience to the command?

Candidate.—I did.

Master.—We do this as a type to show, that even as the Egyptian taskmasters persecuted the Lord's People, Israel, so were our Protestant fathers persecuted by Popery, until the Lord in His mercy delivered them.

Master.—Dost thou then further desire advancement to the Purple Order?

Candidate.—I do.

Master.—Who will vouch for this Brother that he deserves such advancement, and that he is qualified to receive it according to our Rules and Regulations?

Sponsors—

(Bowing to the Master,) shall say:

We vouch for these things.

Master.—What do you carry in your right hand?

Candidate.—The Word of God.

Master.—Under the assurance of these faithful Purplemen, we trust that you carry it also in your heart.

Master.—What is that other book in your left hand?

Candidate.—The Book of our Constitution and Laws.

Master.—Under the like assurance, we trust that you have hitherto obeyed them in all matters, therefore we gladly advance you to this Order. Purplemen, bring to me our Brother.

He shall then be brought to the Master, by the sponsors, one standing on each side. Then shall the Chaplain or Master say:

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the King, as supreme; or unto Governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honor all men. Love the Brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King.—1 *Peter, c.* ii., *v.* 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

Master.—Brother, bend thy knee.

Here the Obligation is administered as follows:

PURPLE OBLIGATION.

I, *A. B.*, do voluntarily and sincerely swear, That I will keep the Signs, Words, and Tokens of a Purpleman from an Orangeman, as well as from all others who are not members of the Purple Order, unless I shall be duly authorized to communicate them by the proper authorities in the Purple Order of the Orange Institution. So help me God, and keep me steadfast in this my Purpleman's Obligation.

The Candidate is here invested with the Orange Collar and Rosette of Purple.

The Candidate shall then rise up, and the Master say:

Brother, you have been weighed in the balance, and not found wanting, therefore it has been judged right that you should be advanced to the Purple Order of our Institution, in which dignity we trust that your better means of serving this religious and loyal Brotherhood will be duly employed. And as your opportunities will now be advanced with your station among us, so likewise would your neglect, cause our more especial injury. For this cause, Brother, increase in your diligence; be instant in season and out of season; for the higher we stand, the more should we take heed lest we fall.

Here the Master takes the Candidate by the hand, and says:

In the name of the Purple Brethren, I bid you heartily welcome; nothing doubting but that you will continue with the greatest earnestness to fear God, to honor the Queen, and to maintain the Laws.

The Chaplain, or Master, shall then say:

Lord, watch over this our Brother; teach him to keep sacred his vows, that his name may be found inscribed in the book of remembrance at the end of time. All this we humbly ask in the name of our blessed Lord and Saviour—Amen.

Here the Master shall communicate, or cause to be communicated, unto the new Purple Brother, the Signs and Passwords. If there be more than one Brother to advance, the Signs and Passwords need not be communicated until all of them have been obligated. After which, the Master shall deliver the following Charge:

BROTHER,

You have now been advanced to the second Degree of our Order—and you may regard it as an addition to your character and standing, for none are advanced but the faithful; none pass the fiery ordeal of the burning furnace but such as have well and faithfully served in the probationary Degree. I therefore congratulate you upon your advancement.

The Order itself will afford you ample scope for consideration and reflection, and will materially assist your understanding, and render you a more efficient and worthy member, if you persevere as you have commenced. You must at all times see that the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and the Mandates and Decrees of the Grand Lodge are strictly obeyed and enforced. You are not to screen the faults of a Brother from the Brotherhood—but you are, as far as possible, to screen him from the censure of the world, and to do all that is in your power for his reformation. You are at all times to treat his foibles with candor, and to admonish in friendship.

Having thus secured to yourself this advancement, it is hoped, by your continued practice of all that is good and commendable, and your avoidance of all that is bad and censurable, you will not give us cause to regret the step we have taken in advancing you as we have now done.

The Chaplain, or Brother appointed, shall say:

He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.—*Rev.*, *c.* ii., *v.* 27.

In closing the Lodge, all the Brethren shall stand up, and raising their hands (as in opening the Lodge,) the Chaplain, Master, or Brother appointed, shall say the Lord's Prayer.

OUR FATHER, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

The Master shall then say:

I now declare this Loyal Purple Lodge closed in due form.

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